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Korriban, Sith planet

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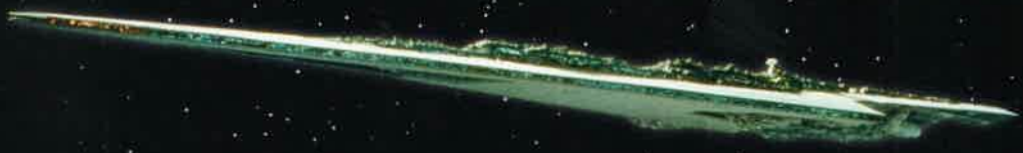
STAR WARS

"VADER'S ON THAT SHIP."

LUKE SKYWALKER AT ENDOR

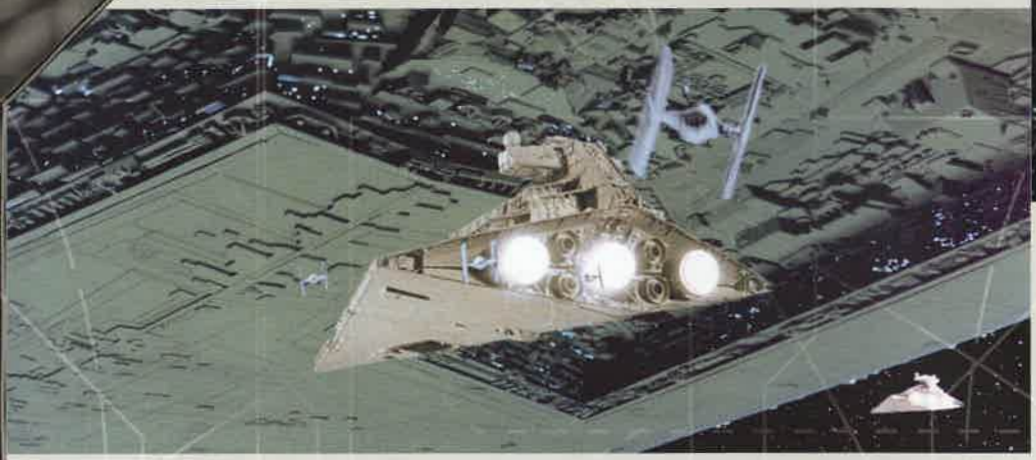


Born in secrecy, its name, class, size and purpose hidden in a morass of misinformation, the *Executor*-class Star Dreadnought was the first of its kind. Measuring an immense 19,000 metres long, its purpose was to provide Darth Vader with a command ship from which to destroy the Rebel Alliance.

THE *EXECUTOR*

LEADING THE IMPERIAL DEATH SQUADRON

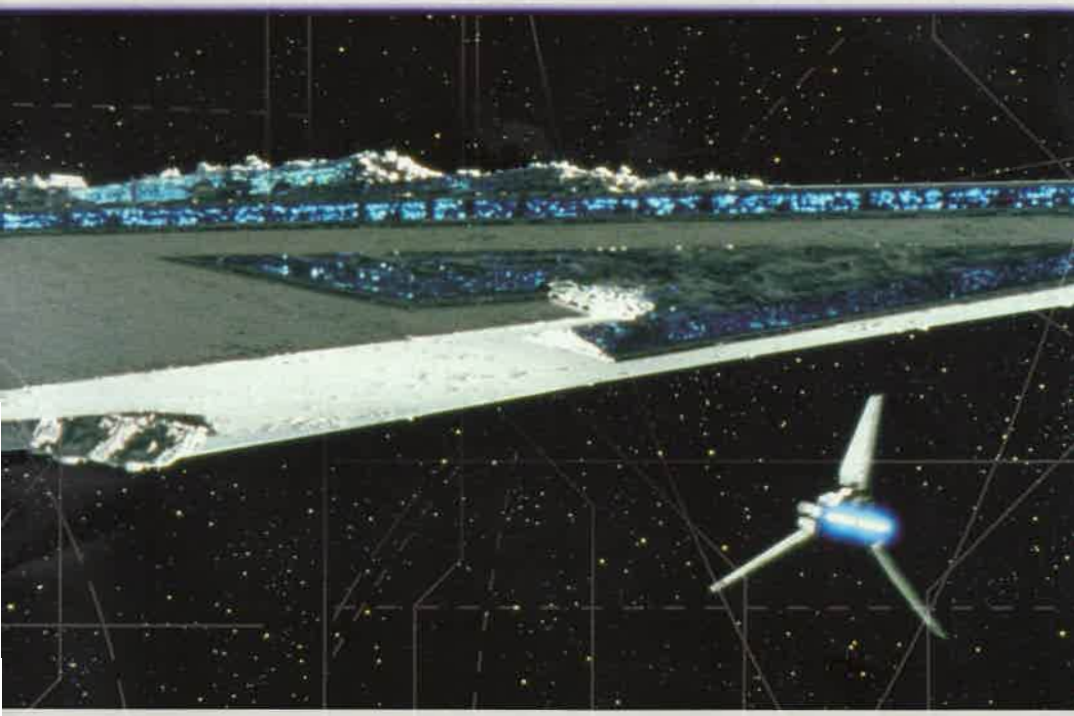
The *Executor* was a statement of power on a number of levels. Though built in secret, it was a statement to the Imperial hierarchy that the Emperor could do what he liked, regardless of cost, and that Darth Vader was his chosen agent. It was also a statement to the galaxy of unquestionable Imperial might and authority.



The *Executor* and its sister ships were conceived even before the Battle of Yavin. They were designed by Lira Wessex, who had created the *Imperial I* and *Imperial II*-class Star Destroyers for Emperor Palpatine, not to mention the *Venator*-class for the Republic during the Clone Wars. To bypass the Senate budget oversight committees, the true scale of the ships was concealed in a maze of obfuscating paperwork that included a misleading name (referring to the ships as *Super*-class Star Destroyers), as well as contradictory sizes and configurations.

Secret Upon Secret

The first ship of the new class was the *Executor*, promised to Darth Vader as his personal command



ship. It was begun at Kuat Drive Yards before being moved to a secret facility in the Scarl system, during which time the *Executor* became the covert base wherein Darth Vader trained his secret apprentice, Galen Marek. The move came when construction began on the second *Executor*-class vessel – the *Lusankya*, then called the *Executor II*. Both Star Dreadnoughts were rushed to completion after the loss of the Death Star. Nearing completion, *Executor* was towed to the Fondor shipyards and was launched around six months after the Rebel victory, with the *Lusankya* being launched a few months later. Though the latter ship would have been welcomed by Imperial Admirals, Palpatine had other plans for *Lusankya*. It was brought to Coruscant and buried there, its arrival wiped from the minds of those who witnessed it by Palpatine's horrifically potent dark side abilities.

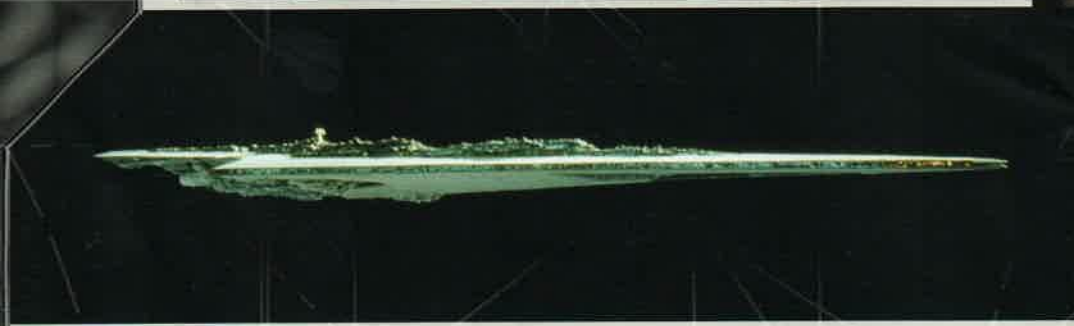
Power Personified

Executor was 19km long. Its weapons could melt the surface of an entire planet in mere hours, and its shields were so powerful that they required energy equivalent to that of a medium-sized star – almost half the output of the ship's huge reactor. *Executor*'s main hangar was large enough to swallow up an *Imperial*-class Star Destroyer. The monster vessel carried a minimum of 144 starfighters – twelve squadrons, including TIE fighters, bombers and interceptors – and over 200 support ships and additional combat vessels, hundreds of assault walkers (including AT-ATs and AT-STs), thousands of troops, and innumerable speeder bikes and landspeeders. Packed away and ready to be dropped to co-ordinate planetary occupations were three prefabricated garrison bases. It's worth noting that the *Executor* could have carried more of everything had the need arisen or the resources existed.

DEATH SQUADRON

REBEL HUNTERS

After rooting out five traitorous admirals intent on destroying the *Executor* at the Fondor shipyards, Darth Vader oversaw the completion of his command ship. Six months after the Death Star was destroyed, he was ready to strike back. His target – the blockaded Rebels on Yavin 4.

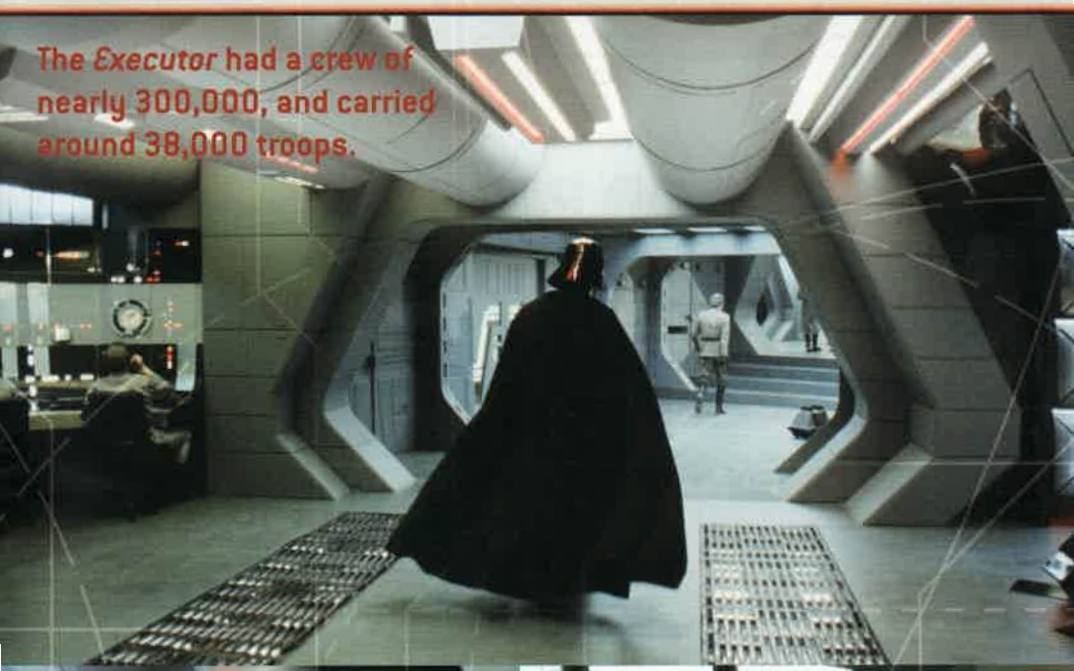


As part of *Executor*'s shakedown cruise, Vader utterly eradicated the Rebel-held Laakteen Depot before turning for Yavin. Unfortunately for Vader, a daring attack on the massive ship using an incredibly rare power gem resulted in the *Millennium Falcon* being able to attack the Executor's unshielded engines. The damage delayed the *Executor*, and the Yavin 4 base was evacuated.

Hunt For Echo Base

With the Rebels gone from Yavin, the Imperials began to search for the new base the Alliance would inevitably establish. With the *Executor* at its head, a new fleet group was created under Vader's command. Codenamed the Imperial Death Squadron, it consisted of a number of Star Destroyers hand-picked by Vader, to the annoyance of the Admiralty. The appointment of Admiral Kendal Ozzel went some way to mollifying the navy hierarchy, but Ozzel's incompetence served only to antagonise Darth Vader. The hunt for the Rebel base became increasingly long and drawn out, with repeated failures resulting in the deaths of many Imperial officers at Vader's hand. While Vader ordered probe droids to search the galaxy, Ozzel preferred to follow his own leads. They proved to be wild gundark

The *Executor* had a crew of nearly 300,000, and carried around 38,000 troops.



hunts. Even when a probe droid finally located the Rebels on Hoth, Ozzel still tried to argue Vader down.

Endor

While *Executor* was successful at Hoth, the massive ship became a casualty of Alliance ingenuity at the Battle of Endor. With its shields knocked out by a massive bombardment from Alliance capital ships and fighters, the bridge was destroyed and control lost. The ship collided with the Death Star II and was destroyed.

EMPEROR PALPATINE

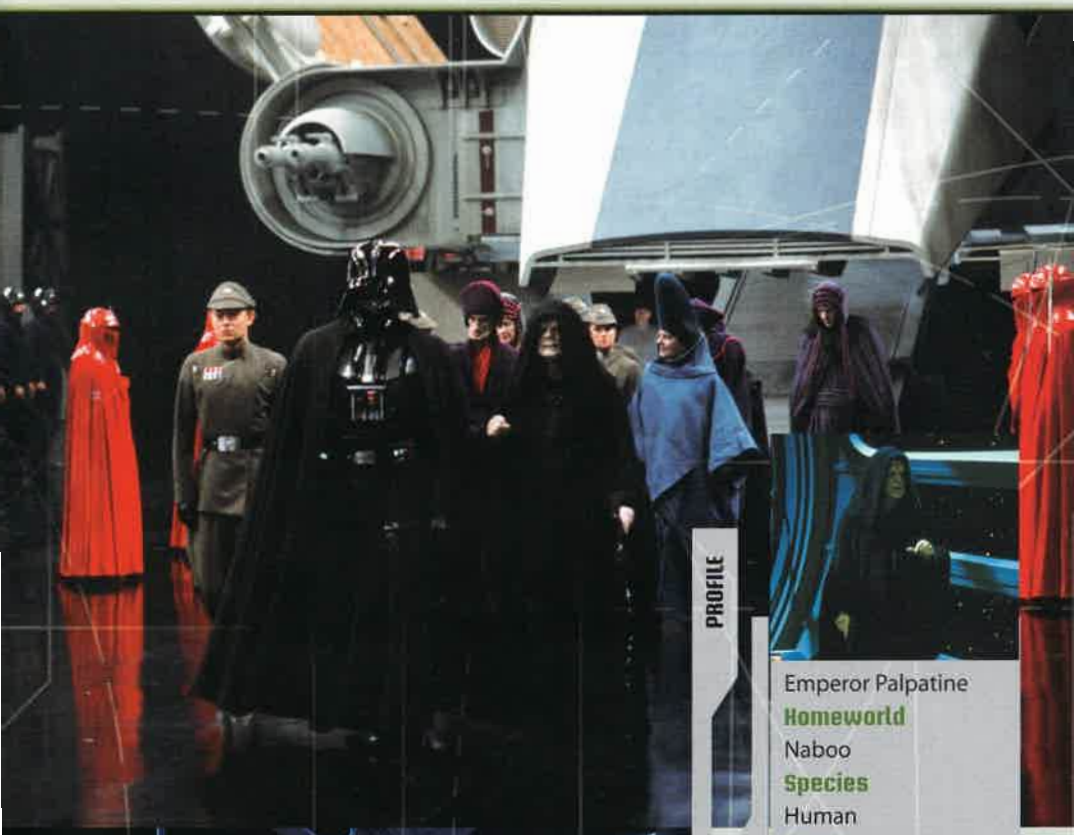
SITH TRIUMPHANT

Even as the few remaining Jedi were being mopped up by his troops, Palpatine stood in the Senate and declared the birth of the Galactic Empire, with himself at its head. This was the realisation of the Sith Lord's goal, all his long years of planning, but his schemes did not stop there.

The Emperor was confident that he stood unopposed. The Senate was his, with those in it either too corrupt, too scared, or too few to cause him significant problems. The Jedi were dead or scattered. Even when Master Yoda, the most powerful of the Jedi survivors, confronted him in the Senate building, the Emperor was able to drive him off. The counterfeit Clone Wars had left the Empire with a massive military machine already spread galaxy wide, ready to crush any planet still able to mount an insurrection. Such opposition was unlikely, as Palpatine had ensured that those worlds likely to oppose the inauguration of an Empire had suffered the worst of the depredations of the Clone Wars. The assets of the Confederacy of Independent Systems – the banks, factory worlds and other resources – were now absorbed to drive the Empire forward. Lastly, to top off the perfect plan, the Emperor had the ideal apprentice in Darth Vader. The Sith were ascendant.

The Fall of Darth Vader

On Mustafar, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader duelled over the lava flows. Finally, Obi-Wan mortally maimed his former Padawan and friend, and left him to burn. Palpatine had sensed Vader's danger, but arrived too late. While



PROFILE

Emperor Palpatine

Homeworld

Naboo

Species

Human

Height

1.73 metres

Affiliation

Sith

"Everything is proceeding as I have foreseen."

Emperor Palpatine

Vader was saved, and transformed by the surgeons on Coruscant into the black-armoured figure that would stalk the galaxy on his master's whim, Palpatine knew that Vader's abilities had been greatly reduced. In Kenobi's own words, he was more machine now than man. This was the first true setback to Darth Sidious' plans, but he determined that it was not one

that would stop him. Darth Vader would do for now. Eventually, he would find another apprentice. Vader was expendable.

Consolidation

The impact of the Empire was quickly felt across the galaxy. Coruscant became Imperial Centre, the Galactic Senate was the Imperial Senate, the Presidential Palace grew to become the oppressively dominating Imperial Palace. Stormtroopers now fought alongside the Imperial Army and Navy. The amalgamated Republic intelligence agencies became Imperial Intelligence, while the previously benign COMPOR became the feared Commission for the Preservation of the New Order, with the Imperial Security Bureau and its agents the most dreaded of all. A number of far-reaching purges in the army and navy made the Emperor unpopular with the surviving old guard, though the ISB had officers within both to maintain loyalty. Divide and rule was Palpatine's very successful doctrine.

A New Apprentice?

Palpatine thought he had found someone to replace Lord Vader in Galen Marek, whom Vader had sought to secretly train as his own apprentice known as Starkiller to overthrow

"In order to ensure our security and continuing stability, the Republic will be reorganised into the first Galactic Empire, for a safe and secure society which I assure you will last for ten thousand years."

The Emperor's Cane

Typical of the obfuscation and misdirection that Palpatine practised, the cane was an affectation that he adopted some short time after becoming Emperor. His publicists said he required it because of the damage done to him in the treacherous attack by Mace Windu and the other Jedi. The tapping cane, stooped posture and slow-paced walk made Palpatine look weak and vulnerable to some, tempting and drawing out his opponents so he could destroy them at his leisure. Black and twisted, the shining cane was a mirror of the dark soul of the Sith Lord.

Palpatine. When the Emperor discovered this, he forced Vader to kill Marek as a test of loyalty. Vader secretly rebuilt his apprentice's body and gave him the task of gathering the Emperor's political opponents into a band of Rebels and dissidents who could then be killed. The plan backfired when Marek turned on his dark masters and had to be destroyed. Palpatine's opponents escaped to form the core of the Rebel Alliance. This was an irritation, but the Emperor was patient. On the planet Byss, he had even begun to take steps to ensure his immortality.

Son of Skywalker

Having swept away the Imperial Senate to place all power in the hands of the Empire, a new threat arose to challenge Palpatine. The Death Star, the planet-destroying space station that had blown apart Alderaan, was itself destroyed at Yavin 4 by a shot from a lone starfighter. Palpatine learned that the pilot was the son of Anakin Skywalker. Determined that Luke would become his new apprentice, and with a second Death Star as bait, Palpatine drew the Rebels to him at Endor. However, Vader turned on his master, becoming Anakin Skywalker once more. Thrown into the core of the station, it seemed Palpatine had been destroyed. But Palpatine's spirit journeyed to Byss and was reborn in a clone body. Biding his time, the Emperor struck out at the New Republic ten years after Endor. Failing to draw Luke to the dark side, Palpatine discovered his clone bodies were dying. He sought to take over the body of Leia's baby son Anakin but, his body destroyed by Han Solo, the Emperor's spirit was intercepted and absorbed by a dying Jedi Knight and was finally destroyed.

IG-2000

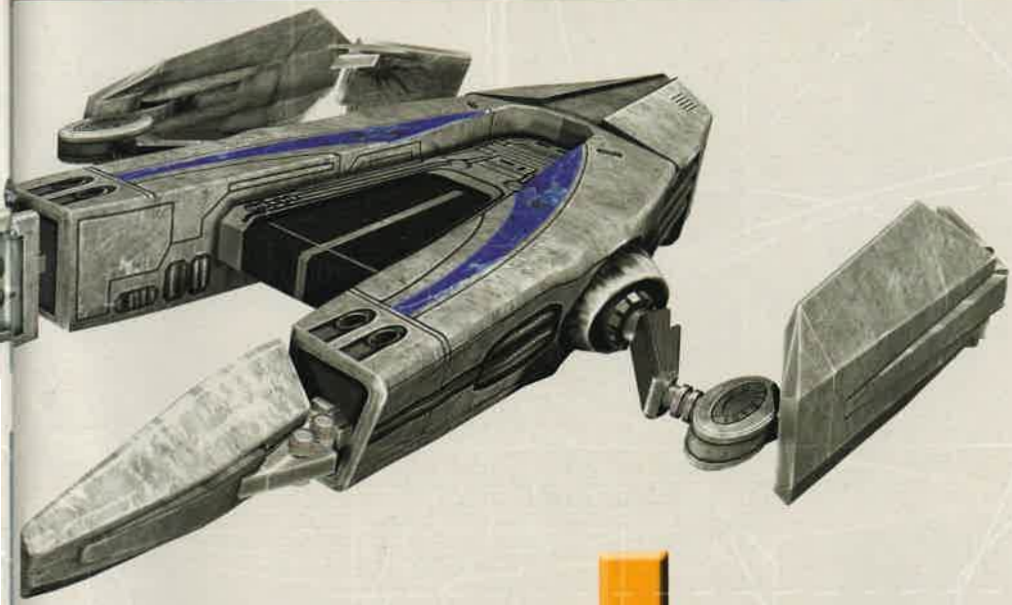
ITS MASTER'S INSTRUMENT

Stripped of most of the 'luxuries' and many of the essentials afforded to organic pilots, the 20 metre-long IG-2000 starship was the perfect reflection of its creator and pilot, the assassin droid IG-88 – cold, clinical and deadly.

The IG-2000 was built by Trilon, Inc., a company based on the industrial world Mechis III. The planet was taken over by the assassin droid and bounty hunter IG-88, whose intention was to create a galaxy-spanning droid empire with him in control. Working with Trilon, IG-88 designed a new starfighter, the *Aggressor* assault fighter, and then heavily modified the designs to create his own ship, the IG-2000.

A Droid's Ship

The majority of the insides of the *Aggressor* fighter were already set aside for powerful engines and weapons systems, but IG-88 had never intended IG-2000 to be an off-the-shelf vessel. His ship had a Kuat Drive Yards Galaxy-15 ion engine installed, stolen from a decommissioned Nebulon-B frigate. With three massive Quadex power cores stolen from the Empire providing the power, the IG-2000 could match speeds with the fastest starfighters. Extendable manoeuvring vanes to either side of the cockpit gave IG-2000 starfighter agility too, even in a planetary atmosphere. IG-88 had the advantage over organic pilots of not having to worry about the gravitational effects of extreme manoeuvres, so often turned off the ship's inertial compensators to give him an additional edge in combat. The IG-2000's weapons included two heavy laser cannon, a long range ion cannon and two tractor beam projectors. Assault drones, up to four of them, were used to board an enemy craft and subdue or soften-up the crew if necessary. The wily droid would often use his ship's advanced communications array to hack into a rival ship's systems before engaging it. He would even deploy a decoy IG-2000 to confuse opponents – a ruse that failed, however, to stop Boba Fett.



IG-2000 PROFILE

Type
Modified *Aggressor* Assault Fighter

Manufacturer
Trilon, Inc.

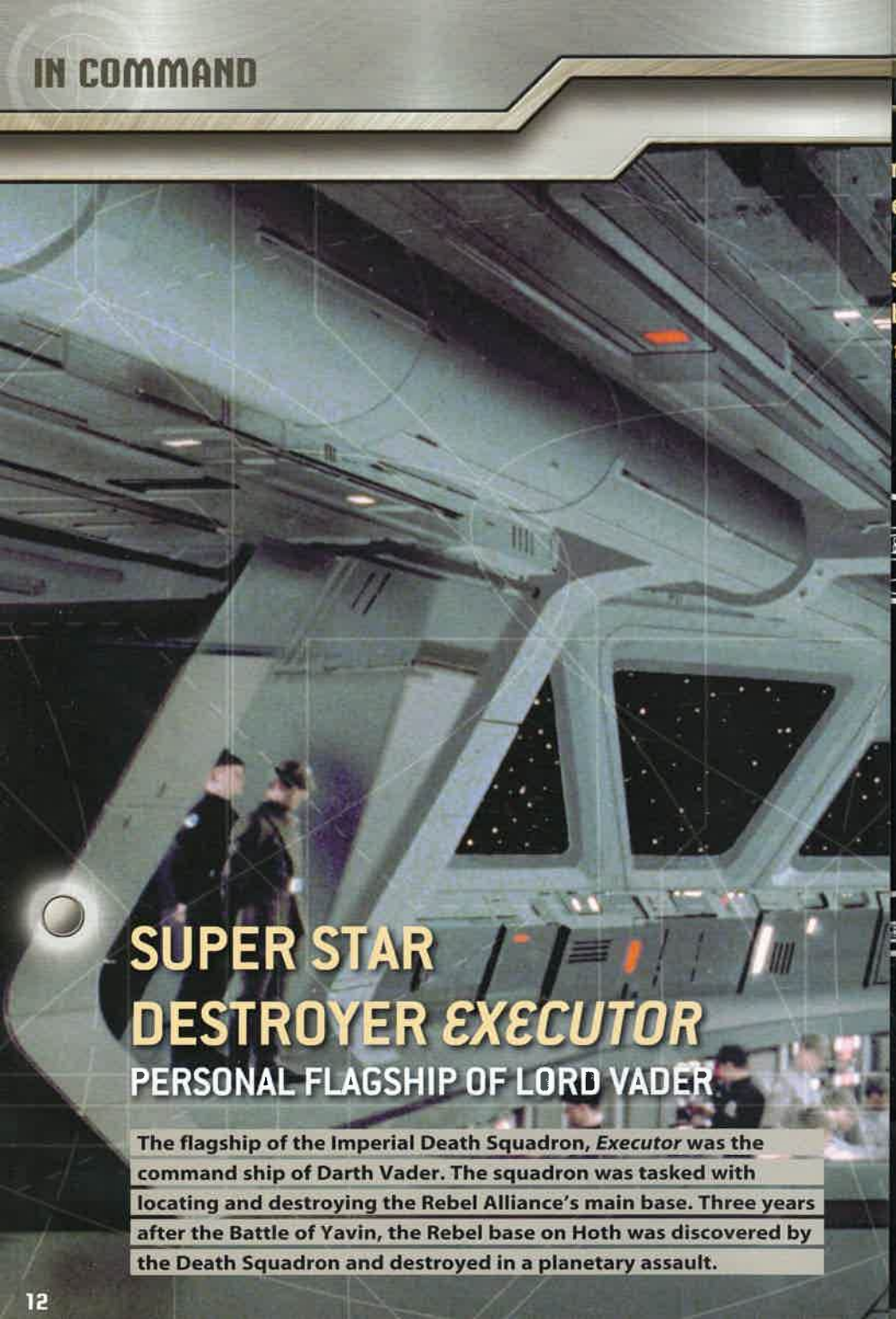
Length
20 metres

Weapons
2x Arakyd heavy laser cannon,
1x long-range ion cannon,
2x tractor beam projectors

Crew
1x pilot, 4x assault drones,
1x FX-7 medical droid

Passengers
8 prisoners

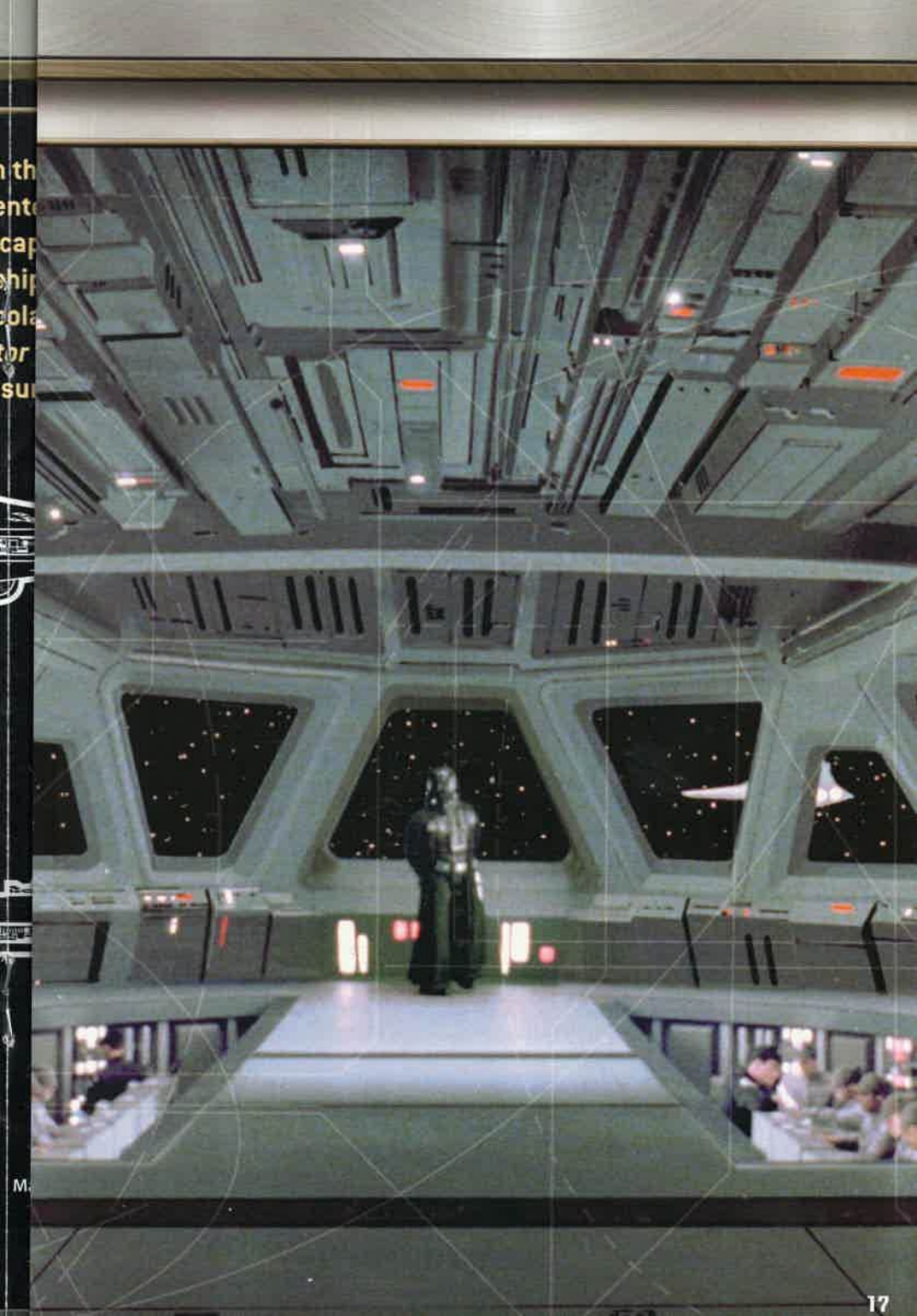
Affiliation
IG-88



SUPER STAR DESTROYER *EXECUTOR*

PERSONAL FLAGSHIP OF LORD VADER

The flagship of the Imperial Death Squadron, *Executor* was the command ship of Darth Vader. The squadron was tasked with locating and destroying the Rebel Alliance's main base. Three years after the Battle of Yavin, the Rebel base on Hoth was discovered by the Death Squadron and destroyed in a planetary assault.



SUPER STAR DESTROYER *EXECUTOR*

Type
Executor-class Star Dreadnought

Manufacturer
Kuat Drive Yards (at various locations)

Length
19,000 metres

Weapons
2000x turbolaser batteries,
2000x heavy turbolaser batteries,
250x heavy ion cannon,
500x point-defence laser cannon,
250x heavy concussion missile batteries,
40x Phylon Transport Q7 tractor beam projectors

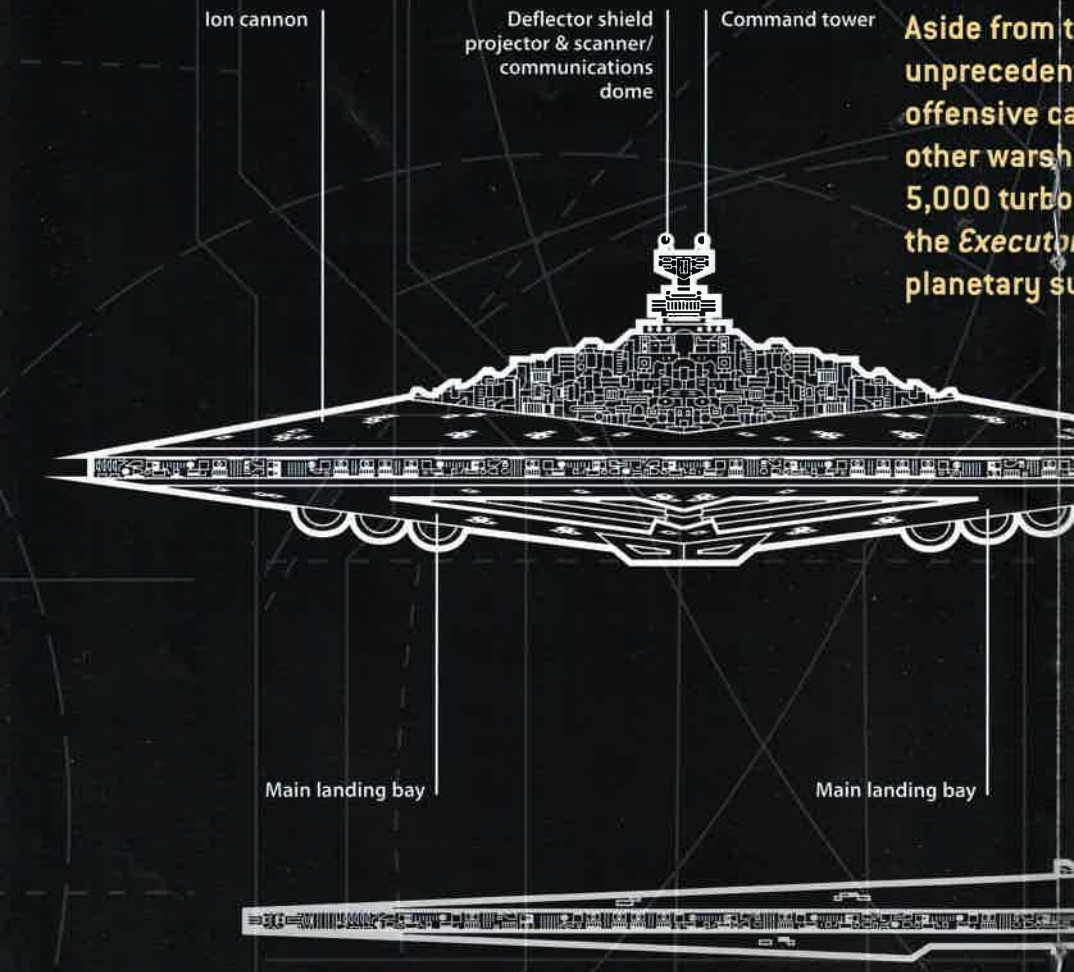
Fighter Complement
144 TIE series starfighters (minimum)

Crew
279,144 crew & officers,
1,590 gunners, 10,000 droids

Passengers
38,000 troops

Affiliation
Galactic Empire

Darth Vader sits in his personal hyperbaric meditation chamber on board *Executor*.



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The Lusankya

The *Executor*'s sister ship, the *Lusankya*, was built at Kuat Drive Yards. Originally called the *Executor II*, it was intended for very different purposes than Darth Vader's command ship. It was intended for planetary occupation, not assault, and so many of its heavy turbolasers were replaced with additional point-defence laser cannon, primarily used in ship-to-ship combat.

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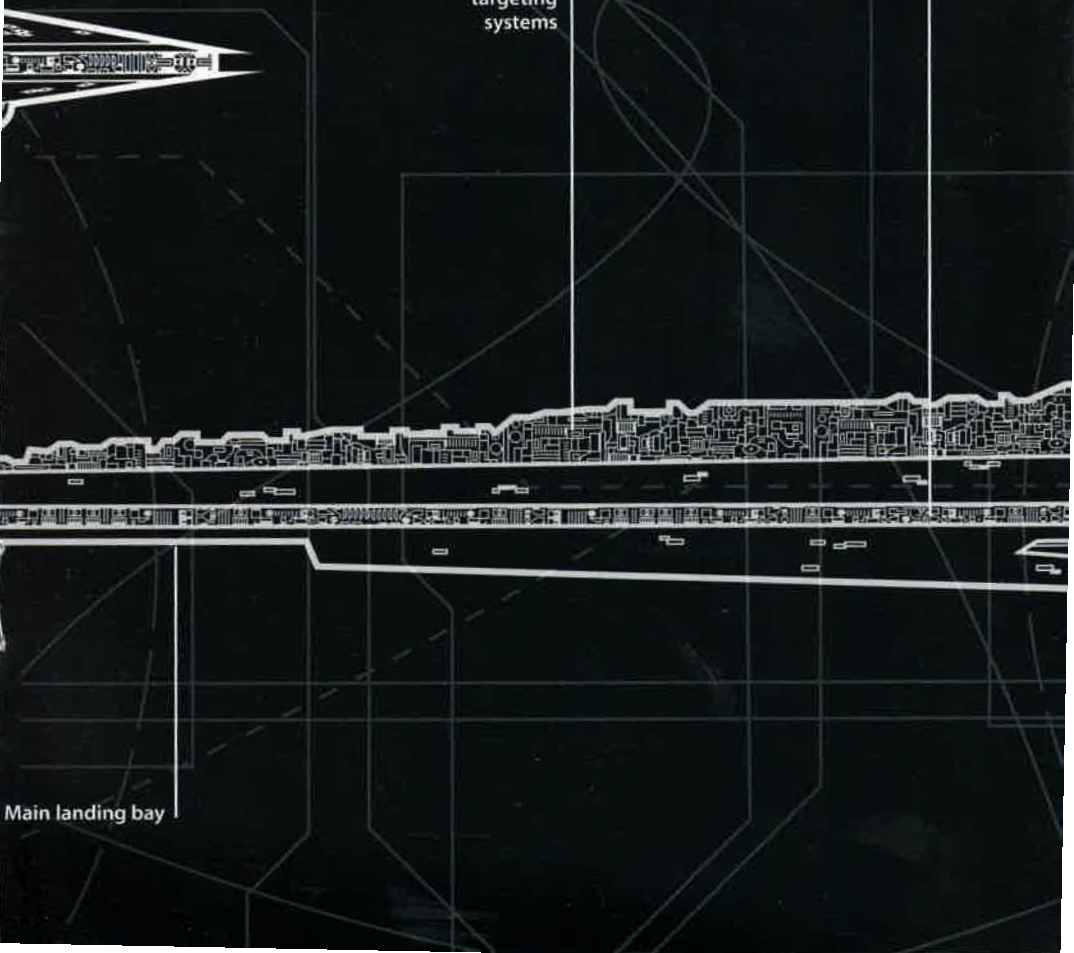
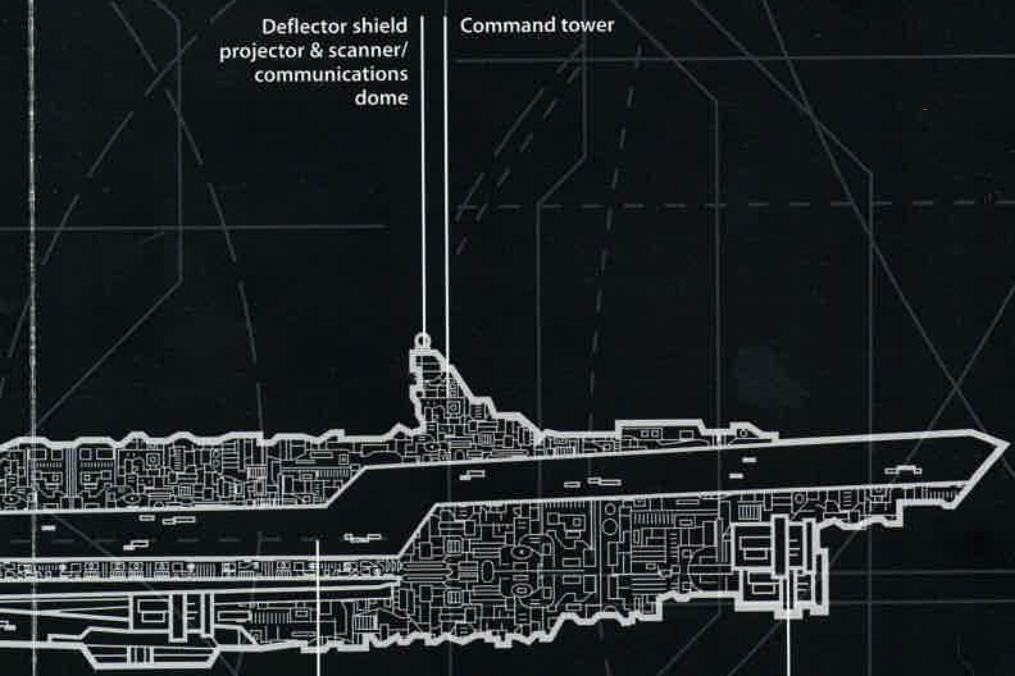



Deflector shield projector & scanner/ communications dome
Command tower
Darth Vader's hyperbaric meditation chamber
The thirteen KDY Executor-50.x engines

IG-88 ASSASSIN DROID

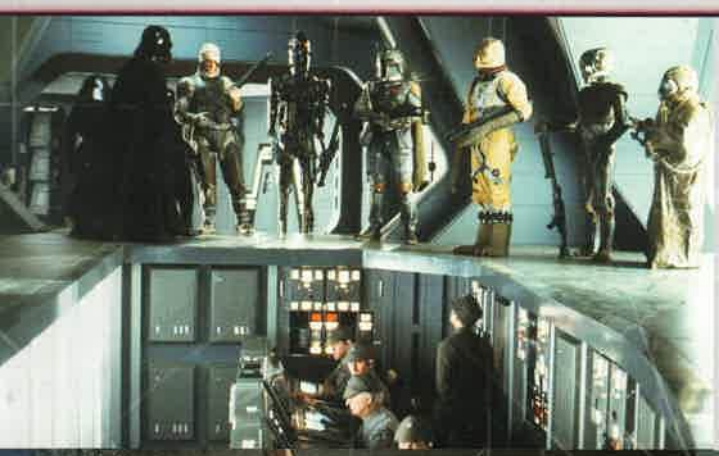
MASTER OF THE GALAXY (ALMOST)

Built by Holowan Laboratories, and based on their IG-100 MagnaGuard and IG lancer combat droids, IG-88 (or IG-88A) was the first of four assassin droids programmed with a new artificial sentience that was supposed to render them subservient – a ploy that failed to work.

The Holowan technicians who activated the first IG-88 droid – the other three were 'empty', awaiting programming – noticed that the droid was over-performing, and moved to deactivate it. In the seconds this took, IG-88 had come to understand his purpose, decided he was superior, realised the technicians would deactivate him, and so chose to act. He copied his essence into the three other IG-88 droids – called IG-88B to D in order of activation – and then all four broke free, destroying the laboratories and escaping. Alternating which droid went on hunts, IG-88 used bounty hunting as a cover for killing off surviving Holowan Laboratory staff, and for all future activities.

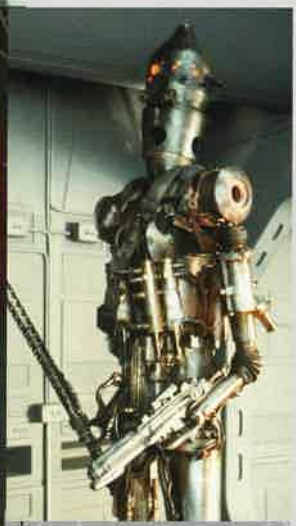
Delusions of Grandeur

IG-88 had a plan. The four assassin droids travelled to the factory world of Mechis III. Killing all the organic beings there, IG-88 took over the droid production facilities and began to upload the unique sentience programming into every droid made on Mechis III. The plan was that a coded transmission would activate the sentience system, and the Droid Revolution would begin. All sentient organic life would be destroyed, and IG-88 would rule the galaxy. While IG-88 advanced his plans, his four selves continued to operate as bounty hunters to maintain cover. However, all would meet violent ends. When Darth Vader launched the hunt for the *Millennium Falcon* after the Battle of Hoth, IG-88B was destroyed when he confronted Boba Fett on Bespin. Later, when Fett tried to deliver the carbon frozen Solo to Jabba on Tatooine, IG-88C was destroyed. IG-88D was damaged at the same time, and was finally destroyed by Dash Rendar on Ord Mantell. The original IG-88A uploaded himself into the main computer of the second Death Star. When he was destroyed with the station over Endor, the Droid Revolution was cancelled.



Did You Know...?

When IG-88A uploaded himself into the Death Star's computer core, he left behind an 'empty' body. It was recovered and reprogrammed to work with the bounty hunter Bossk to protect the wealthy Barpotomous Drebble. Later, the droid was reprogrammed as a bodyguard for the Thul family, protecting them against the Diversity Alliance.



PROFILE

IG-88

Species

Droid assassin

Height

1.96 metres

Vehicle

IG-2000

Affiliation

Bounty hunter

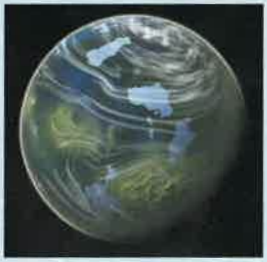
Manufacturer

Holowan Laboratories

KORRIBAN

CRADLE OF THE SITH

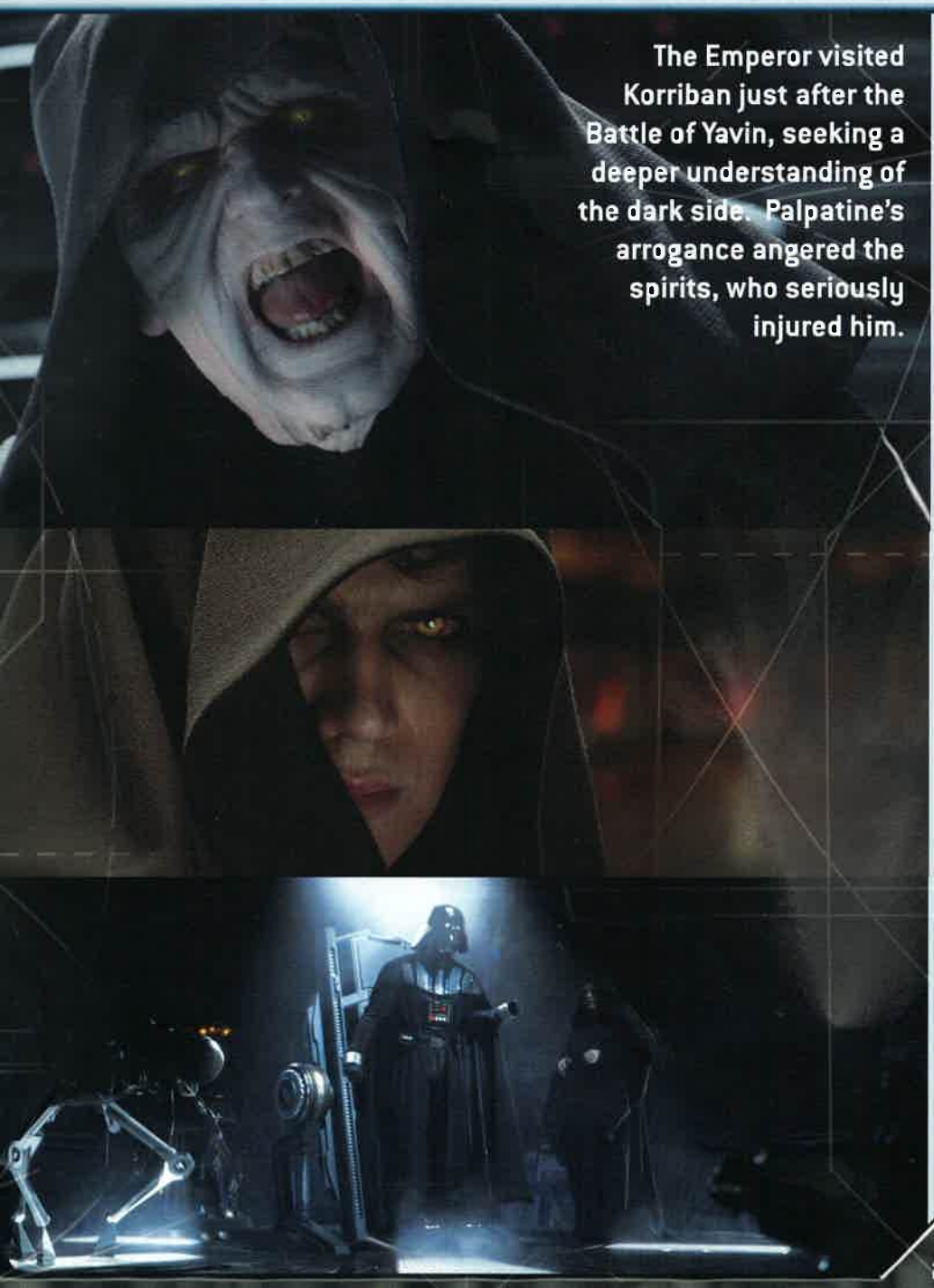
If there is a bright centre to the Universe, then the barren world of Korriban is the planet farthest from it. Drifting in the Horuset system, part of the Esstran Sector in the Outer Rim Territories, this is the homeworld of the Sith.



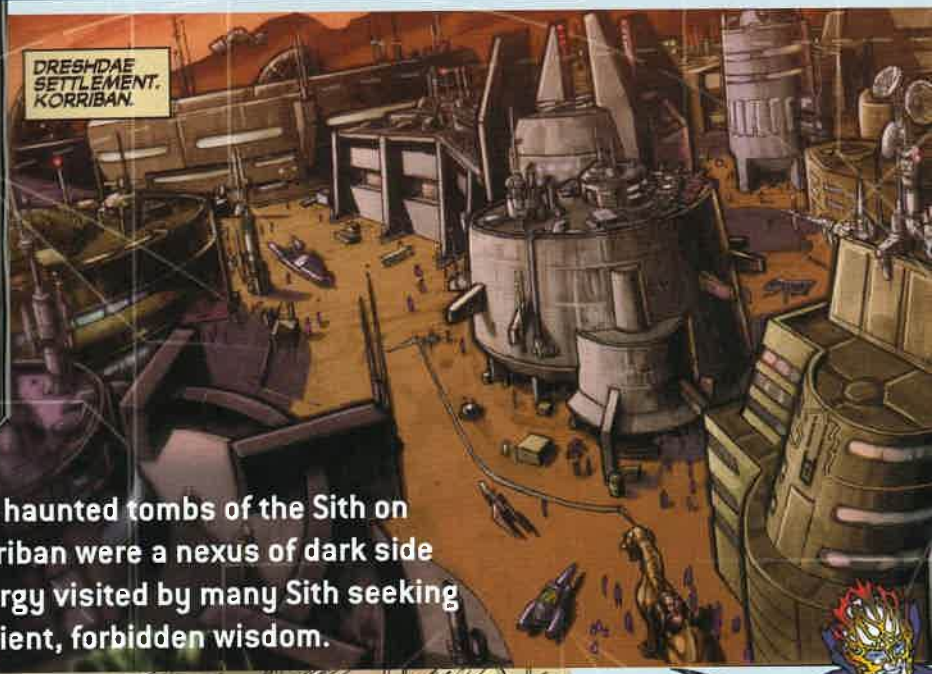
A little less than seven millennia before the Battle of Yavin spelled the beginning of the end of Darth Sidious' Empire, the dark Jedi survivors of the Battle of Corbos arrived on Korriban to begin their exile. Their terrible experiments had led to the Second Great Schism of the Jedi Order, the Hundred Year Darkness, and now the defeated Exiles had been sent to die in the unknown reaches of space beyond the Republic. Arriving on desolate Korriban, they encountered a degenerate species called the Sith – survivors themselves of a culture that had collapsed in on itself tens of thousands of years before.

The Sith Empire

Viewed as gods by the red-skinned, Force-sensitive Sith, the dark Jedi settled to rule Korriban, merging over the years with the locals so that the ancestors of fallen Jedi became Sith Lords. Great, palatial tombs were raised to the honoured dead – the first Dark Lords of the Sith. Nearly two thousand years after the Exiles came to Korriban, the planet was stumbled upon by Republic pioneers seeking new space lanes. The Sith were divided then on the death of Dark Lord Marka Ragnos. Of the two Sith Lords struggling for mastery, Naga Sadow proved to be the strongest. Defeating his rival, Sadow unleashed the might of the Sith Empire in an invasion of the Republic that became known as the Great Hyperspace War. Defeated by the Republic, betrayed by his fellow Sith, Sadow fled to the Yavin system with his loyal Massassi warriors. Korriban became a graveyard once more. It would be another thousand years before Korriban once more sheltered Sith, when survivors of the



The Emperor visited Korriban just after the Battle of Yavin, seeking a deeper understanding of the dark side. Palpatine's arrogance angered the spirits, who seriously injured him.



The haunted tombs of the Sith on Korriban were a nexus of dark side energy visited by many Sith seeking ancient, forbidden wisdom.

Darth Sidious

Darth Bane's Rule of Two was followed for hundreds of years. Darth Sidious, former apprentice to Darth Plagueis, journeyed to Korriban on a number of occasions to consult with the spirits of the long dead Dark Lords of the Sith. Sometimes they passed on advice or relics, other times they attacked him. Once, when he sought to extend his life after his first death at Endor, the Sith Lords told him to give up and join them instead.

Great Sith War established a Sith academy there. Once again, however, the Sith fell on each other, and the planet brooded in silence.

The Unquiet Dead

From their tombs, the restless spirits of the Dark Lords of the Sith watched Sith Empires rise and fall. The Jedi Civil War and the Great Galactic War came and went, with Sith Lords coming to Korriban in search of guidance from the insane and vicious ghostly inhabitants of the tomb complexes. Around 1,000 years before the Battle of Yavin, the Brotherhood of Darkness had an Academy on Korriban. A student by the name of Bane studied there. He grew increasingly frustrated with the rulers of the Sith. Eventually, having journeyed through the tombs of the Valley of the Dark Lords, he declared himself Darth Bane and set out to destroy the Brotherhood. His studies on Korriban and experiences on Lehon and Ambria led Darth Bane to institute the Rule of Two. The Sith had always destroyed themselves if there were many of them. The secret, Bane surmised, was that there should only ever be two Sith – a Master and an Apprentice. Eventually, each Apprentice would overthrow their former Master, take their own Apprentice, and the cycle would begin again. Working from the shadows, the Sith would one day rule the galaxy.

A Dangerous Temptation

Korriban remained an influence on Sith and Jedi long after Darth Bane was dead and gone. Even after the fall of Emperor Palpatine, the most powerful Sith Lord for millennia, the Sith lore and repository of evil on Korriban would continue to draw the unwary down a dark and dangerous path.

SITH STORM

FORCE LIGHTNING

In Episode VI: *Return of the Jedi*, with Luke Skywalker's final rejection of the dark side of the Force, the Emperor unleashes the full power of the dark side in a storm of Force lightning. Used almost exclusively by the Sith, this was a dark and terrible power.

The ability to use Sith lightning was not limited to dark Jedi and Sith. Any Force user of sufficient power could channel the energy of the Force through their limbs, hurling it from them in jagged forks of electrical energy. However, the use of the ability could only ever cause pain and destruction. As a result, the use of Sith lightning was avoided by Jedi, but embraced almost as a badge of honour by the Sith and their dark allies.

Pain!

One of the most proficient users of Sith lightning was Darth Sidious. He could vary the intensity of his electrifying assaults, causing extreme pain for an indefinite period or instant death. He could even throw a victim around, as Dooku did to Anakin on Geonosis. In his throne room on the second Death Star, Sidious intended to torture Luke Skywalker to death, and slowly raised the intensity of the lightning. Darth Vader, reborn as Anakin Skywalker, intervened to save Luke. His cybernetic implants and limbs, which had made it impossible for him to use the lightning, also made him more vulnerable to it, and he died because of them.

Lightning Development

During the early work on Episode VI, all drafts of the story and script had the Emperor using Sith lightning. In the earliest draft, the spirits of Obi-

Sith Trap

In the *Star Wars* mythology, both Jedi and Sith store their knowledge in Holocrons. Part-technology, part-mysticism, these devices contained interactive training regimes, histories, holographic recordings and so on, normally 'hosted' by a hologram of the creator of the device. Many Sith revivals began with a Jedi coming upon a pyramid-shaped Sith holocron and being seduced by the knowledge therein.

Wan and Yoda help Luke block the dark energy. A revised draft, where Obi-Wan has returned as a living being to help Luke, saw the Emperor attack both Jedi, with Yoda's Force presence helping them resist the lightning. In each version Vader grabs the Emperor and they fall into the lava pits surrounding the throne room. During story meetings it was suggested that Luke die during the barrage, though Lucas rejected the idea as too traumatic.

THE SUPER STAR DESTROYER

STAGES OF ITS CREATION

BUILDING THE SUPER STAR DESTROYER

1 A large model of Darth Vader's flagship was built for filming *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*. It measured an enormous 282cm long x 92cm wide x 33cm thick.

2 The *Executor* model was the first to be made of a strong and lightweight material measuring 3mm thick, consisting of two very thin aluminium sheets with a honeycomb sheet between them.

5 ...not to be confused with the *Dreadnought*-class heavy cruisers of the Expanded Universe, seen in the picture above.

6 The *Executor* bridge set, designed by Norman Reynolds, was constructed on Stage 5 of Elstree Studios in England.

The Star Destroyer built for Episode IV: *A New Hope*, was lit from within by bundles of fibre optic cables. The larger, more complex *Executor* had a built in neon lighting system that shone through around 250,000 individual holes in the hull made using a photographic etching process.

3 The finished model, incredibly detailed and nearly 3m long, was the most expensive miniature built for the trilogy. As with other models many parts from plastic kits were used.

4 Though the *Executor* is called a Super Star Destroyer in the film, the correct designation for the ship is an *Executor*-class Star Dreadnought... (above: a Ralph McQuarrie production painting)

7 Concept artist Ralph McQuarrie created a matte painting of the bridge set, principally the roof and the view screens, to complete certain shots.

8 Darth Vader's meditation pod and surrounding chamber was the other interior set of *Executor* built on Stage 5 at Elstree.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 What is the origin of the name 'Sith'?

2 Who first played the Emperor in *The Empire Strikes Back*?

3 Who was Cos Dashit?

ANSWERS:

1. In the rough draft of *The Star Wars*, from May 1974, the ferocious Knights of Sith were warriors in service to the Empire, hunting down the Jedi Bendu.

2. In the original release of Episode V, an unnamed older actress played the role, with chimpanzee eyes composited over her own to add to the sinister nature of the character. The voice was provided by Clive Revill.

3. In the rough draft of the *Star Wars* story, Cos Dashit is the Emperor, ruling from Alderaan, capital of the Galactic Empire.

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Z-6 Rotary Blaster Cannon

Weapon
Expanded Universe

Made by Merr-Sonn Munitions Inc., this was a six-barrel rotary blaster weapon used by Republic clone troopers in the Clone Wars. As the barrels of the weapon surrounded an efficient cooling system, the Z-6 could fire around 166 rounds per second. Due to its weight, ammunition consumption and size, it tended only to be used by elite ARC troopers.

Zar, Fang

Character
Episode III

A member of the Delegation of 2000, an ally of Senators Padmé Amidala, Mon Mothma and Bail Organa, Zar was the senator for the Sern sector. A human male, he struggled to be heard as an opponent of centralisation of control in the Republic as the Supreme Chancellor was voted more emergency powers. As a member of the Delegation of 2000, he was viewed as a traitor when the Empire replaced the Republic. After being detained by the Imperial Security Bureau, he fled to Alderaan. Not wishing to endanger his friend, Bail Organa, he attempted to return to Sern Prime, but was killed by Darth Vader before he could leave.

Zellock, Kleb

Character
Expanded Universe

A minor crime lord and a some-time bounty hunter, Kleb Zellock ran the largest keschel mine on the planet Tyne's Horky. When he discovered his mines were rich in Nergon-14, a vital element in the construction of photon torpedoes, Kelb decided to get rich quick. However, he fell foul of droids C-3PO and R2-D2, who were working as slave labour in the mines with their friends Jann Tosh and Mon Julpa. When Kleb tried to abandon the dangerous mines and betray his assistant, Yorpa, Threepio accidentally disarmed him allowing the prisoners to escape.

Zend, Salla

Character
Expanded Universe

A human female from the Smugglers' Moon Nar Shaddaa, Salla Zend was a talented mechanic with a gift for fixing spacecraft and other machinery. Working on corporate vessels to begin with, she slowly saved enough money to buy a starship of her own – the *Rimrunner*, a modified CorelliSpace Gymsnor-4 light freighter. On Nar Shadda, Zend paid for modifications to her ship by entering a smuggling partnership with Han Solo, and the two began a romantic relationship. She participated in the Battle of Nar Shaddaa, flying *Rimrunner* as wingman to Lando Calrissian's *Millennium Falcon*. Zend eventually lost her ship making a run through the Maw, and had to be rescued by Han. Solo fled her subsequent marriage proposal, and Salla ended up working with Shug Ninx in his repair centre on Nar Shaddaa, the Spacebarn. Salla Zend rescued Han, Luke, Leia and Chewbacca from Byss, ten years after the Battle of Yavin, at the cost of her new ship, *Starlight Intruder*.

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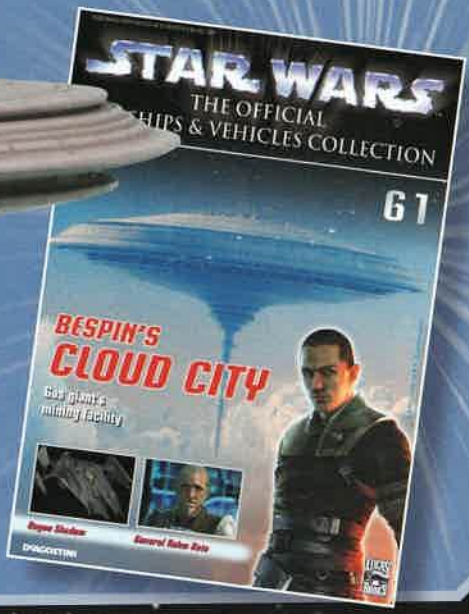

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